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LETTER DATED 26 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to my letter to you, dated 19 July 1993, to which I had annexed a revised report on the harm resulting from the application of Security Council resolution 748 (1992), I wish to call attention to the immense damage to Libyan civilian aircraft resulting from the application of that resolution. Indeed, as a result of the prohibition against the supply of any aircraft or aircraft components to Libya, the provision of engineering and maintenance servicing of Libyan aircraft or aircraft components, the certification of airworthiness for Libyan aircraft, the payment of new claims against existing insurance contracts and the provision of new direct insurance for Libyan aircraft, Libyan aviation has recently suffered the following grievous accidents:

1. On 22 December 1992, a Boeing 727 aircraft belonging to the airlines crashed on a domestic flight from Benghazi to Tripoli, resulting in the death of all 160 passengers on board;

2. On 1 September 1993, a Boeing 727 engine caught fire during a domestic flight, nearly causing an air disaster;

3. On 1 September 1993, a technical failure occurred on an aircraft during one of its domestic flights, resulting in a drop in oxygen pressure in the cockpit that nearly caused an air disaster.

The incidents mentioned above not only show the great danger to which this vital and indispensable air service has been exposed, but also paint a clear picture of the imminent dangers that threaten it in the future should those prohibitions remain in force. It is imperative to correct this situation, whose harmful consequences bear no relation to the cause of the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the three States.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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